

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In repatent application of

Applicant:

Appadurai Thangaraj, et al.

Serial No.:

09/760,065

Filed:

January 12, 2001

For:

METHOD AND DEVICE FOR THE

PRODUCTION OF AN AQUEOUS SOLUTION

CONTAINING CHLORINE DIOXIDE

Art Unit:

1754

Examiner:

N. Nguyen

**Assistant Commissioner for Patents** United States Patent and Trademark Office Washington, DC 20231

AUG 12 2002 EL

ust 8, 2002

REPLY WITH AMENDMENTS UP

Sir:

This is a reply to the final Office action mailed May 22, 2002 reconsideration is requested.

Amend the claims as follows:

Claim 26 (Amended). A device for producing an aqueous solution of chlorine dioxide when said device is placed into a body of water, comprising a water-permeable membrane defining at least in part an enclosed space containing a mixture of at least one metal chlorite and at least one acid forming component, said acid forming component being selected from the group consisting of water soluble acids, water soluble acid salts,

## **CERTIFICATE OF MAILING (37 CFR 1.10)**

I hereby certify that this correspondence (along with any referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below as Express Mail Post Office to Addressee", Mailing Label No. EM507975867US in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, United States Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231.

Date: August 8, 2002